

# REGIONAL PROFILE

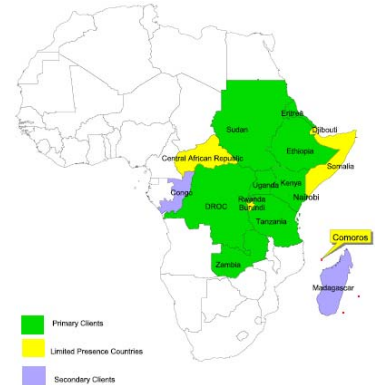


*Thousands of girls in East Africa receive scholarships from USAID and President Bush's Africa Education Initiative.*

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## OVERVIEW

USAID/East Africa (USAID/EA), located in Nairobi, Kenya, assists the region through innovative activities that are designed to diminish the risk of conflict, foster economic growth, support political stability, and mitigate poverty. This regional program complements and enhances USAID bilateral programs, while supporting unique and innovative regional activities. Priorities are to promote economic growth by focusing on the expansion of regional economic cooperation and reducing barriers to trade in regional and global markets; to strengthen regional health systems to better address the impact of HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases; and to strengthen African capabilities to prevent, mitigate, and respond to conflict. USAID's regional programs also support Presidential Initiatives and Agency priorities such as the African Global Competitiveness Initiative, the Presidential Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the Initiative to End Hunger in Africa, the Africa Education Initiative, and USAID initiatives on curbing corruption and building public-private alliances.



## PROGRAMS

## REGIONAL ECONOMIC GROWTH AND INTEGRATION

USAID/East Africa's activities are aimed at stimulating economic growth in Africa through increasing agricultural production, facilitating trade, and improving economic policies and governance. Strengthening the capacities of African regional organizations such as the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa and the Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Southern Africa has increased trade and export of agricultural commodities to regional and international markets. Technical assistance and training through the East Africa Regional Trade Hub – which supports the President's African Global Competitiveness Initiative – has helped African entrepreneurs to expand trade links with the United States through the African Growth Opportunities Act (AGOA). Businesses receive training in marketing and product improvement and receive assistance to go to U.S. and international trade shows. USAID/East Africa also supports the President's Initiative to End Hunger in Africa, which increases food availability through greater agricultural productivity, better market links and improved crop varieties.

## A HEALTHIER POPULATION

USAID/East Africa is a regional leader in health and HIV/AIDS programs. Health activities include HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases, child health

## EAST AFRICA SNAPSHOT

Sixteen Countries: Burundi, CAR, Comoros, Congo, DR Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Rwanda, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia

Source: World Bank Development Indicators

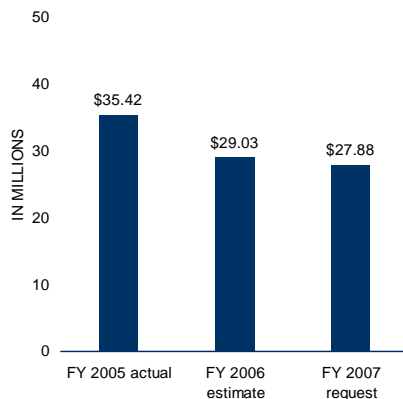


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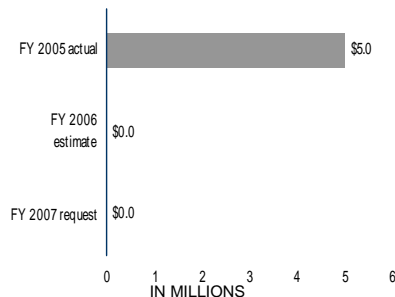
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### USAID PROGRAM ASSISTANCE TO EAST AFRICA



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and nutrition, maternal/neonatal health and nutrition, and combating Avian Influenza and other health vulnerabilities. For the foreseeable future, the HIV/AIDS pandemic will continue to have a major and devastating impact on development—across all sectors—throughout this region. USAID/East Africa has contributed to worldwide efforts to stem the spread of HIV/AIDS by developing an innovative, multi-sectoral approach to reducing the cross-border impact of the pandemic in the region. This approach directly supports the achievement of the goals and objectives articulated in President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. Because urgent health problems such as Avian Influenza and HIV/AIDS do not respect borders, USAID's regional Health and HIV/AIDS activities assist countries to tackle challenges that bilateral programs alone cannot.

### MITIGATING CONFLICT AND SUPPORTING PEACE

USAID/East Africa's activities focus on the pressing problems of fragility in the Horn of Africa and Great Lakes regions. USAID works systematically through regional, national, and local partners to address distinctly different external factors that lead to conflict in resource rich (Great Lakes) and resource poor (Horn of Africa) cross-border environments and corruption-prone corridors. Special focus is placed on frontier zones and other areas that are under threat from militant and violent extremism. USAID provides technical assistance, training, and community infrastructure that accelerate peace processes, promote reconciliation, or mitigate points of cross-border tensions. Activities also address the major sources of fragility in the Great Lakes and the Horn of Africa, including extremism, poor governance, and weak territorial integrity, through innovative local level peace-building initiatives.